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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED] (exploitation of Soviet  
Bloc [REDACTED] activities)

1. This memorandum requests approval by the Director of the conclusions and recommendations embodied in paragraph 5 and 6.

2. Problem - To make recommendations with respect to future activities of Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2d1 25X1A2d1

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3. Background - Project [REDACTED] was initiated on a trial basis following DCI approval of a staff study dated 1 November 1956, (Tab A), utilizing voluntary unpaid services of selected Agency personnel who were active [REDACTED]. The approved staff study provided for a review of the project by IOTAC after a period of six months, and the submission to the DCI of recommendations as to the continuation. 25X1A2d1

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4. Discussion - At the present time, Project [REDACTED] is conducted by approximately 20 selected Agency personnel, on a voluntary basis. These personnel are located both in the Washington area and [REDACTED]. OCR has made one analyst available on a full time basis to collate and code on IBM cards information obtained from the activities of these Agency [REDACTED] and from such collateral sources as OO/C reports and Soviet Bloc publications. Annex A outlines and discusses the types and scope of intelligence information which have been obtained from the Project.

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of Soviet [REDACTED] activity: a) direct contact between a US

[REDACTED] and a Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] b) [REDACTED] of Soviet

Bloc [REDACTED] Both aspects are inter-related and both

can produce useful data. Effective [REDACTED] of

Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] requires a relatively large number of

individuals located in various overseas areas. These individuals do

not require the selection or the careful guidance which is necessary

in the case of [REDACTED] who are making actual contact with Soviet Bloc

[REDACTED]

The project is currently managed and directed by an informal steering committee of four members, all [REDACTED] active in the project, representing O/C and OCR. This committee meets fortnightly to:

- a. Provide initial technical assessment of data collected
- b. Bring in special requirements indicated by consumers
- c. Establish priorities for the limited facilities and manpower available.

- d. Give redirection to participating Agency [REDACTED]  
(by means of a circular letter)

Dissemination of information collected by the Project to date has been informal, except with respect to the activity of the [REDACTED] (Annex A, Paragraph 2.b.) for which specific arrangements with OCI have been made.

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5. Conclusions - On the basis of data already collected and the potential for further collection, it is concluded that:

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a. Project [REDACTED] should be continued and augmented as an established CIA activity. Augmentation should include, if possible, around the clock monitoring of selected Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] activities. Participation of other IAC agencies should be sought, with particular regard to their assistance in ensuring desired round the clock monitoring.

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b. The project should be placed under the jurisdiction of a CIA office capable of providing the necessary technical guidance and direction. The selected office should assume responsibility for management of the project as a whole, and for effecting the necessary collaboration with other participating or assisting offices and agencies.

6. Recommendations - The following steps are:

a. Responsibility for direction and management of the project as a whole should be vested in the Director of Communications.

b. A small technical advisory group, consisting of representatives of O/C, OCR, and OO/FBID, should be established to assist the Director of Communications in providing technical

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guidance and support to Agency [REDACTED] engaged in the project, and in making initial technical assessment of the results obtained.

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c. Participation in the project by a limited number of selected and specially cleared non-governmental [REDACTED] should be arranged through OO/C facilities.

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d. In addition to the voluntary services of selected [REDACTED] the following personnel and/or services should be made available to the project by the offices indicated:

	<u>Office</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Services</u>
	Office of Communications	One GS-13 or 14, Supervisor to serve as project manager	
25X1D0a	Office of Central Reference	One GS-12 and One GS-11 analyst to collate and record incoming data (one is already furnished by OCR) 1 GS-5 clerk	IBM and reference facilities of [REDACTED] Branch
25X1D0a	Office of Operations		Dissemination facilities through OO/C mechanism.
			OO/C facilities for contacting and guiding selected non-governmental [REDACTED] and reporting results of their contacts. Translation services from FDD.
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e. The sum of [REDACTED] should be made available to the Director of Communications during fiscal year 1959 for payment of

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overtime to Agency [REDACTED] in emergency situations.

f. The National Security Agency, and the Army, Navy, and Air Force should be formally notified of the existence of this project.

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g. The sum of [REDACTED] should be made available to the Director of Communications for obtaining and supplying equipment to Agency amateurs on a loan basis.

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